

Navy Reserve Direct Commission Officer Program

- The Navy Reserve Direct Commissioning Program offers qualified college educated professionals a Navy Reserve commission. Candidates chosen to become officers are given the opportunity to achieve personal and professional satisfaction in their specialized fields by serving in the Navy Reserve. The Navy and Navy Reserve rely heavily upon their officers at every level of operations and management. These men and women provide the professional, scientific and technical skills required by the wide variety of occupations found at sea and ashore. Officers routinely supervise highly skilled staffs in addition to being accountable and responsible for the various equipment and assets entrusted to them.

Direct Appointment into the Navy Reserve

- Men and women who are college graduates and possess the specialty qualifications sought by the Navy Reserve can be directly appointed as Navy Reserve officers for the purpose of performing that specialty with minimal training.
- Direct appointment Supply Corps Navy Reserve officers initially attend the two week Direct Commission Officer (DCO) course in Newport, RI to learn about the Navy, the Navy Reserve and being a Navy Officer. See the following DCO website for more information: <http://www1.netc.navy.mil/nstc/otc/dcoic.asp>. After the DCO course, the officer will then take the Basic Qualification Course-Naval Reserve (BQC-NR) at the Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) in Newport, RI. Monthly weekend duty is performed at a Navy Operational Support Center, while the two weeks of Annual Training (AT) are usually served at a naval base, air station or in some cases overseas.

Navy Reserve Supply Corps Officer

- Supply Corps officers are the Navy's business managers. They perform management functions in purchasing, inventory control, storage, financial management, auditing, merchandising, transportation, computer systems, contracting and other related areas. They ensure that the Navy is supplied with more than two million items essential to the operation of modern ships, aircraft and facilities. The BQC-NR is a 15-month long course consisting of an initial two-week AT period at NSCS followed by 7 months of extensive at-home correspondence course work. The student will then return for a 4-day midpoint Additional Duty for Training (ADT) followed by another 7 months of at-home correspondence work. The course culminates with a final two-week AT period. Training areas include inventory management, food and retail operations management, expeditionary logistics and an introduction to leadership and management. Additional course information is available at the NSCS website: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/css/nscs/GetTraining.aspx?CRSid>

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- Navy Reserve Supply Corps officers may serve aboard every type of ship in the fleet during later AT periods. Ashore, they may serve in contracting centers, at inventory control points, shipyards, air stations, with various operational logistics/expeditionary units and supply centers and depots.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- All Navy Reserve officers must be U.S. citizens.
- A bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited college, preferably in business or a related field. Significant related work and management experience is a plus.
- At least 19 but less than 40 at time of appointment. Possible for up to age 42, with waiver (but discouraged). Age limit is raised year-for-year for each year creditable for retirement purposes an applicant already possesses. Example: A 45 year old applicant with five years of active duty, reserve duty or a combination is the same as a 40 year old applicant with no prior service. Bottom line: A member MUST be able to attain a military retirement by their 62nd birthday or sign a waiver that they understand that they will not qualify for a military retirement.